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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: Washington Field

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE MAY 2 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 17, 21/52	REPORT MADE BY WALTON O. CONE WOC:kw
TITLE O <u>PARIN</u> COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability advises Hukbalahap movement in Philippines is decreasing in strength, and is believed to be under control. Many Huk members of Guerrilla Army took advantage of government offer of amnesty and returned to normal life. Informant has no knowledge of any communication or activities between Huks in Philippines and persons in the United States. Army retirement record of PEDRO P. HOLANDA set out. MR. D. W. MIKAITIS has no information regarding Communist activities in the Philippines. He left Philippines in 1946.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential Informant T-1 of known reliability, who maintains contact with Philippine authorities, advised that the Hukbalahap movement in the Philippines seems to be losing strength and aggressiveness. He said the president of the Philippines had in the recent past offered amnesty to the rank and file members of the Huks, and that many members had laid down their arms and taken advantage of the opportunity to abandon the Huk Guerrillas. The informant stated that many of the Huks were people who desired Agrarian reforms, and when such reforms were not forthcoming they joined up with the Huks to try to force the government to place reforms demanded into effect. He said, no doubt, the leadership of the Huks had come under the influence of Communism, but many of the rank and file members have no

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particular interest in Communism, and will probably return to normal life once the desired land reforms are fully put into effect.

T-1 advised that he has been unable to establish any activity or communication between the Huks and persons in the United States. If there is any activity in the United States in behalf of the Huks it is of small proportions and of little consequence.

SE CLYDE EUGENE PARRISH caused a search to be made of the officer and enlisted files of the Army and Air Force for a file pertaining to PEDRO PAJOTA HOLANDA, aka, PEDRO HOLLANDA, and was advised that no record could be found in Washington, D. C.

MR. D. W. MIKAITIS, Chief, Ordnance Branch, National Production Authority, advised that he served in the Philippines from 1943 to 1946, as an Army Counter Intelligence Corps Agent, but that his duties did not involve the Huk movement, but were concerned with collaborating with the American Consul in connection with persons from the Philippines trying to enter the United States. He advised that GORDON HARRIS, who is now in the newspaper business in Dover, New Jersey, and who was also in the Counter Intelligence Corps in the Philippines, had worked almost exclusively with Huk cases and has been trying to keep up with them since returning to private life. He said HARRIS would know more about members of the Huks and of any contacts with persons in the United States than anyone else he knew of.

MR. D. W. MIKAITIS advised that he has never heard of LEE ASH, JR., and could furnish no information regarding him.

[redacted] Washington Finance Office, United States Army, made available the Finance Office file pertaining to PEDRO P. HOLANDA, Army serial numbers 6736045 and W 2123051, whose current address is Post Office Box 575, Riverbank, California. HOLANDA received a disability discharge from the Army on March 31, 1949, at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, after 20 years service in the United States Army. This file reflects that he was born April 13, 1906, at Leyte, Philippine Islands. He is currently receiving \$201.89 per month retirement pay from the Army.

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[redacted] of the Philippine Embassy, who is a confidential source of information of the Washington Field Office.

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ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

At the Army Records Center will review the service file of PEDRO P. HOLANDA, ASN 6736045 and W 2123051 and report background information. Will furnish copy of report to the San Francisco Office, in which territory HOLANDA resides.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will follow results of investigation.

One copy of this report is designated for the Baltimore Office for its assistance in checking the files of G-2 for the name of PEDRO P. HOLANDA, as set out in Washington Field Office letter dated April 7, 1952.

One copy of this report is designated for the information of the Newark Office, as that office has an outstanding lead to interview GORDON HARRIS at Dover, New Jersey, who is also mentioned in this report.

One copy of this report is furnished for the information of the San Francisco Office as PEDRO P. HOLANDA, mentioned herein, resides in the San Francisco Office territory.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA JAMES O. NEWPHER dated August 24, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

Report of SA NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA dated April 11, 1952, at New York City.

Washington Field Office letter to the Bureau and Baltimore Office dated April 7, 1952.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN, CONN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/3/52</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/28/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN A. DANAHER, JR. ljs</b>
TITLE <b>COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - PI</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of LEE ASH, Jr. at Aetna Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.

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**DETAILS:**

At Hartford, Connecticut

Mr. D.P. CAVANAUGH, Legal Department, Aetna Life Insurance Co., made a thorough search of the records of Aetna and all branches of this company but was unable to locate any record for LEE ASH, Jr.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA dated 4/11/52  
at New York.

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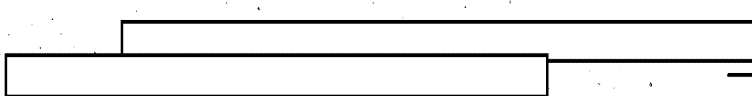
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: THE ESPIONAGE APPARATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMUNIST PARTY,  
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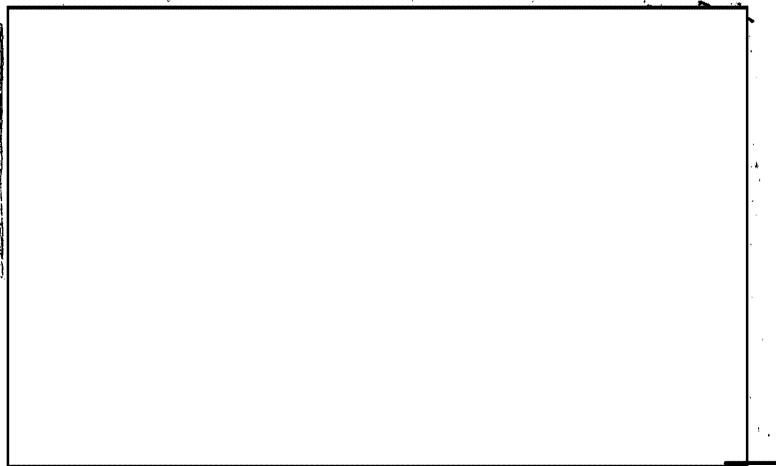
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The above-captioned document was reviewed with interest by this Bureau, and it is requested that if any additional documents are prepared concerning the Espionage Apparatus of the Philippines Communist Party, or the espionage apparatus of any other country, that a copy be furnished this Bureau.

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Any indication that there is a connection between the above-captioned apparatus and the American Communist Party, or any other group in the United States, would be of interest to this Bureau.

Not having access to the specific documentation upon which this study was made, this Bureau has no comment to offer on the conclusion reached.

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SAC, Washington Field (105-1397)

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Director, FBI (64-200-239)

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Derog of SA James O. Neuphor, dated January 5, 1952,  
at Washington, D. C., in the captioned matter.

Your attention is directed to Page 4 of this  
report and to the information contained therein attributed  
to T-10 [redacted]

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You will note that [redacted]

[redacted]

For your information in connection with the above,  
[redacted]

[redacted]

Submit corrected pages for the report of SA Neuphor,  
reflecting all of the information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] Copies of the corrected pages of SA Neuphor's  
report should be furnished auxiliary offices. Nine copies  
of the corrected pages should be submitted to the Bureau. When  
submitting corrected pages, [redacted] should be referred to as "T-10,  
another government agency."

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You should immediately obtain from SA Neuphor his  
explanation for the manner in which the report was prepared.

cc - Administrative Division

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UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-200-239)

DATE: June 10, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-1397)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Rebulet 5/28/52 and rerep SA JAMES O. NEWPHER, WFO,  
dated 1/5/52.

Submitted herewith are two copies of corrected pages  
4 and 8, in accordance with referenced letter, to auxiliary offices  
who previously received copies of referenced report. Nine  
corrected copies of pages 4 and 8 are being furnished the Bureau.

cc furnished: SAT, CIA, INS, OSI, G-2, ON - and LIAISON  
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Date: June 18, 1952

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Attention:

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: THE ESPIONAGE APPARATUS OF THE  
PHILIPPINE COMMUNIST PARTY  
ESPIONAGE - PI

[redacted] in the captioned matter and our  
reply thereto dated June 3, 1952, in which you were advised that  
any indication that there is a connection between the above-  
captioned apparatus and the American Communist Party or any  
other group in the United States would be of interest to this  
Bureau.

In this connection the Washington Star on June 10,  
1952, carried an article captioned "Communication Link Between  
Reds in U. S. And Philippines Bared." According to this article,  
Philippine National Defense Secretary, Ramon Magsaysay, stated  
on June 10, 1952, that Philippine and American authorities have  
uncovered a secret communication link between Communists in the  
United States and Communist Turks fighting in the Philippines.

Magsaysay, according to the article, stated that coded  
messages, smuggled into the islands through airlines serving  
Manila and San Francisco, were intercepted. Further, that the  
messages supplied evidence of a close tie-up between the "Reds"  
and that other intercepts had been found aboard planes from  
Hong Kong and Europe to Manila.

It is requested that you advise this Bureau of any  
information presently available or subsequently may come  
to your attention concerning this matter.

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## Communication Link Between Reds in U. S. And Philippines Bared

Island Defense Chief  
On Way Here Tells of  
Intercepting Code

By the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—Philippine and American authorities have uncovered a secret communication link between Communists in the United States and Communist Huk fighting in the Philippines, Philippines National Defense Secretary Ramon Mag-saysay said today.

Coded messages smuggled into the islands through air lines serving Manila and San Francisco were intercepted, he said. The messages supplied evidence of a close tieup between the Reds, he asserted. Other intercepts have been found aboard planes from Hong Kong and Europe to Manila.

Means of breaking the communications line with the co-operation of air line officials are under close study, he said in an interview.

The husky 45-year-old defense secretary heads east today aboard a Military Air Transport Service plane for Washington. He will meet President Truman at the White House. Defense Secretary Robert Lovett and other officials in a busy five-day visit.

Mr. Magsaysay for two years has led a winning battle against the Huk guerrillas. He gained international attention for his use of army regulars and 5,000 student reserve troops in insuring a clean national election in November, 1951.

He also was responsible for the deportation of several Chinese millionaires linked with the Red movement in the Philippines. A month after taking office in September, 1950, he smashed the Red Politburo for the islands.

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TITLE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Major GORDON L. HARRIS, Dover, N.J. was a CIC officer in Northern Luzon, Philippine Island, during last months of 1945. He observed and reported Hukbalahap activities. HARRIS wrote an article on the activity of the Huks in the Philippine Islands. Article published in 1948. Article set out. HARRIS has no first-hand information on CP activities in Philippine Islands since 1946 but advised he has been following their activities closely in magazine articles and newspapers. HARRIS has no knowledge of activities between Huks in Philippine Islands and persons in the United States at the present time. HARRIS does not know LEE ASH, JR. HARRIS stated that he recalled VICENTE LAVA was Professor in the University of the Philippines at Manila and Technical Advisor to the Huks. FERNANDO LAVA was Confidential Advisor to President OSMENA in Malacanan, Philippine Islands, and the third LAVA brother, name unknown, was in the Censorship Office of the United States Army prior to the end of the war. HARRIS believes that the primary objective of the Philippine CP was the ouster of the United States from the Philippines.

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DETAILS:

At Dover, N.J.

Major GORDON L. HARRIS, Ordnance Corps, Intelligence Officer of Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J., advised that he was formerly the editor of the Lakeland News in Dover, N.J. and that he returned to active duty in the Army in January of this year.

HARRIS stated that during the last war he was a CIC agent stationed in the Philippine Islands and during the last few months of 1945 he was sent to Northern Luzon in the Philippines with orders to observe and report the activities of the Hukbalahap movement.

HARRIS furnished the following brief history of the Hukbalahap in the Philippines:

He stated that in March 1942 in the Bulacan Province of the Philippines three men, LUIS ~~TARUC~~, CASTRO ~~ALEJANDRINO~~ and Dr. VICENTE ~~LAVA~~ formed the Hukbalahap movement. He advised that all three of these people in his opinion were members of the Communist Party and had been trained in early years in Moscow. He stated that the Huk movement was formed to fight the Japanese and while they were fighting the Japanese they formed cadres in the rural sections of Luzon. He explained that the Japanese occupation Army only controlled the city areas during their occupation and the Huks recruited by force persons that were in positions to control and influence large groups of the masses of the Philippine peasants, such as, school superintendents, city officials and persons with other public positions. These persons were schooled and were told that as soon as the Japanese were driven out of the Philippines the Huk would set up a People's Government with the recruited persons in positions of authority.

He stated that the Huks did set up their government after the American Army drove the Japanese out of the Philippines but that the American Army refused to recognize the Huk Government and instead recognized the original Commonwealth Government of the Philippines.

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HARRIS stated that this caused a vicious period of revolution between the Huks and the Commonwealth Government, which was finally quieted down by the arrest by American CIC agents of LUIS TARUC and CASTRO ALEJANDRINO. He advised that both of these persons were put in jail. He stated that they were later released.

HARRIS advised that when he came home and got out of the Army in early 1946, he wrote an article on the Huk movement and attempted to get it published in several different magazines. He stated that it was eventually published in the 10/15/48 issue of the Commonweal.

The article is as follows:

#### THE HUK GUERRILLAS

By GORDON L. HARRIS

A painfully familiar story is unfolding in the Philippines where President QUIRINO has learned the bitter futility of compromising with Communism.

Anti-religious as well as anti-government in purpose, the Communist movement in the Islands is spearheaded by the notorious Hukbalahap, or "People's Army against the Japanese." Just as in Greece and elsewhere on the European continent, the Hukbalahap guerrillas supposedly joined the World War II battle against Nazism and Japanese expansion. Instead of disbanding following V-J Day, the Huks increased their strength by forcible recruiting, added to their munitions cache by raiding U. S. Army supply dumps and embarked upon a campaign to seize control of Central Luzon.

The parallel with the Greek situation goes even further. After the late President MANUEL ROXAS launched the new Republic of the Philippines, he ordered the Philippine Army to put down the Communist-inspired insurrection which had paralyzed recovery efforts in provinces whose rice fields and fish ponds are the Islands' larder.

LUIS TARUC, "generalissimo" of Hukbalahap, became an outlaw with a price on his head. Repeated clashes between the



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Army and Huk squadrons drove these bandit-like gangs back into isolated areas, but failed to smash the Communist strength. Experts at nocturnal raids and terrorist kidnappings, Hukbalahap was just about an even match for the Army on familiar terrain. Nor was the policing process rendered more effective by infiltration tactics carried on within the Philippine Army by Huk agitators.

Then ROXAS died and QUIRINO was advised to offer peace. He declared a general amnesty, telling the Huks they would be forgiven all crimes except rape--though murder was the No. 1 offense. TARUC was invited to join the Philippine legislature--to which he had been "elected" along with several lieutenants in the early months of 1946. The Roxas administration refused to recognize the election, contending it was achieved through force and intimidation. Huk troops guarded the polling places to make sure no one voted against their leaders. Not a single opposition candidate ran on the same ballot.

By August 14, last day for the Huks to accept amnesty, the grand total of 45 guns had been turned in. President QUIRINO said 4,000 members of the National Peasants Union (P.K.M.) and "displaced persons" accepted the Government's liberal terms. But the Peasants Union claimed a membership of 100,000 and the Huks reportedly owned 40,000 firearms.

In two weeks following August 14, the Government reported 45 persons killed in sporadic outbreaks involving Hukbalahap and the constabulary. On August 29, following QUIRINO'S admission that Hukbalahap is Communist in leadership, TARUC and his lieutenants brazenly conducted a protest meeting in Manila's Plaza Miranda coinciding with Sunday services in Quiapo Cathedral. The man to whom QUIRINO offered peace charged the President failed to live up to his commitments.

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For several months following V-J Day, I lived in San Fernando, Pampanga--the focal point of the Communist revolution. I attended Huk demonstrations in Pampanga, Tarlac, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija Provinces--hearing the familiar phrases about "American imperialism" and "Catholic fascism"

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and "democratic Russia." I saw the Peasants Union flag, a red banner upon which a white peasant's knife was imposed. Back in the barrios where fewer "unfriendly" observers were anticipated, the flag of the hammer and sickle was unfurled.

This is the area of maximum penetration by the Communists where, for nearly three years, the hold of the Commonwealth Government and then the Republic has indeed been shaky.

This is the bloody battleground where innumerable killings have reddened the soil over which American and Japanese forces fought two campaigns. Where Catholic priests have been tortured and shot if they spoke out against the Communists. On Christmas night, 1944, a priest celebrating midnight mass in Malolos was taken from the church, riddled and bullets and left on the steps to die. In isolated Candaba, the retreat toward which the Huks move in emergencies, a priest was shot through the mouth. I talked to priests whose congregations had been forcibly detained from Mass.

I saw the grave where Huks buried the Governor of Tarlac Province shortly before the 1946 voting. He had been kidnaped, tortured, partially burned and buried alive. Philippine MP's were ambushed and brutally tortured. U.S. Army personnel were fired upon while driving along the main highway between Manila and San Fernando. Army trucks were held up at road blocks and their cargoes stolen. The railway between Manila and the north was frequently raided.

Where UNRRA supplies fell into the hands of municipal authorities under Huk control, they were parceled out only to deserving "barrio lieutenants" actually leaders of Communist cells. Much of the relief goods reached the black market, just as did the rice seized from the peasants by their Union as "dues". Storekeepers also paid tribute. A few were reluctantly persuaded to comply with Huk demands in the city of Angeles when P.K.M. strong men stood outside their doors.

All of this, of course, did not begin spontaneously. Prior to World War II there had been occasional and small-scale uprisings in Pampanga Province--an important source of U.S. sugar supply. There is evidence that as far back as 1925, carefully selected Filipino labor leaders, newspaper

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editors, men in contact with groups or the means of contacting groups, were sent to Moscow for propaganda schooling.

The No. 1 target then, and now, is the United States. Ouster of American interests from the Islands, particularly removal of U. S. Army, Navy and air bases, has long preoccupied the Communist leadership.

Communists also demanded break-up of estates and ownership of land by the peasants. They wanted a strongly nationalist Philippine government, ownership of public utilities and, of course, a foreign policy slanted towards Russia and away from the U. S.

Coincident with the Japanese invasion, the Communist movement took on new guise. Facing a common enemy, which overran a stout-hearted but hopeless defense by American and Philippine forces, the people turned in desperation to this "grass-roots" movement. Early in 1942 the Socialist-Communist forces met in secret conclave to establish the Hukbalahap. TARUC and his cohorts claim many successes against Japanese occupation forces.

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Not until the U.S. Sixth Army returned to Bataan in 1944 did the story of Hukbalahap brutality come to light. If the Huks fought the Japanese, they fought loyal guerrillas under american command even harder. They set out to achieve firm grip on the peasant masses. There is some reason to believe the Communist activity was tolerated by the Japanese because it was anti-American basically and anti-Commonwealth as well.

As the Japanese retreated towards Baguio and inevitable surrender, the Huks made their move. TARUC seized the provincial government, naming his No. 1 lieutenant, ALEJANDRINO, as governor. TARUC refused to place his forces at the disposal of General MAC ARTHUR, insisting upon recognition of his guerrillas as an independent Army of the Philippines. He would not order his men to surrender their weapons, though he promised to do so.

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Finally he was jailed on charges of treason, subversion and murder. But immediately after V-J Day, when the authority of the Commonwealth was reestablished, he was freed by the Solicitor General, LORENZO TANADA. The latter insisted TARUC was guilty of no crime except fighting the Japanese. President OSMENA closed his eyes to the true situation, seeking political help from Hukbalahap against ROXAS. There were unverified reports, however, that the Huks, had penetrated Malacanan, the Philippine "White House" and had threatened the safety of OSMENA'S family.

One of TARUC'S lieutenants had been appointed a Presidential adviser. Many others were recognized as guerrilla officers and given high positions in the Philippine Army. At the camps where guerrillas were processed for recognition and back pay, Huk organizers recruited new adherents to their cause. Huk propaganda, filled with Communist doctrine and violently anti-government, appeared in Philippine Army camps. Officers who resisted were marked men. Many were murdered.

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Nor did the Communists confine their infiltration efforts to the military. During the occupation propaganda schools were set up in remote barrios. Educators, doctors, lawyers were spirited away from their homes, to attend classes. Under the guise of protecting them from the Japanese, the Communists sought new voices to spread their doctrines. Anyone who refused to cooperate was immediately branded a collaborator. Huk executioners took care of the recalcitrant.

By liberal use of the smear technique, Communists managed to weaken the faith of the common people in their elected leaders. Either a man was a "collaborator" or "Fascist", if he resisted the Huks. If he lived, he was mistrusted. If he died, well who could prove he was right?

Chinese Communists, just 600 miles from their homeland, joined the revolutionary movement with alacrity. The

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newspapers they control in Manila supported Hukbalahap and the Peasants Union--actually one and the same organization.

Chinese language schools were opened at district headquarters throughout Central Luzon where the "New Life" philosophy was taught. Chinese bankers or merchants loyal to the Kuomintang were forced to contribute to support the movement. A Chinese legion was formed within Hukbalahap.

The Communist military organization has a basic unit known as a squadron which is responsible for a given area. Within this area it is the supreme authority, conducting secret courts, performing marriages and baptisms under the Red flag, levying taxes, decreeing executions and generally fulfilling the functions of government and church. Lest there be any misunderstanding among youth, Communist teachers were planted in public schools wherever the authority of the Commonwealth could be successfully challenged.

Squadron leaders and their subordinates adopt fictitious names to mask their identities. Such ridiculous soubriquets as "Blue Eagle", "Strong Boy", or "Linda Bie" were proudly used.

Captured Japanese arms and U. S. Army weapons stolen from supply depots gave the Huks despotic authority. Mount Arayat, the volcanic peak rising above the Central Luzon plain, was selected as the primary base of operations. In December, 1946, a B-29 bomber about to land on nearby Clark Field was fired upon by heavy calibre machine guns from emplacements on Arayat. The Huks are known to possess, in quantity, 30-calibre and 45-calibre machine guns, mortars, automatic shoulder weapons and artillery. They also maintain hidden air fields and have military vehicles, including tanks.

Their officers have an excellent comprehension of guerrilla tactics and are expert at "hit-and-run" raids.

As for the peasant, caught between the Communist and Government programs, the postwar period has been a hideous

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nightmare. He must accept the fact of Communist power, because he has seen it demonstrated in his own barrio. Willing or unwilling, he has no choice but to live with it, supporting it by his rice crop and taxes and, frequently, even to taking up arms. Until and unless the Republic can restore faith in the Government's authority, recovery cannot be achieved in Luzon.

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HARRIS advised that he has never heard of LEE ASH, JR. and could furnish no information regarding him.

He also stated that his best recollection of the LAVA brothers is that VICENTE was the Professor in the University of the Philippines in Manila and Technical Advisor to the Huks. FERNANDO LAVA was the Confidential Advisor to President OSMENA and the third LAVA brother, whose name HARRIS advised he could not remember, was employed in the Censorship Office of the United States Army prior to the end of the war in 1945.

HARRIS also explained that he recalls there was an official record which referred to a 9-point program demanded of Mr. MC NUTT, the United States Commissioner in the Philippines in the fall of 1945 or early 1946 by the Communist Party of the Philippines. He recalled that foremost in this list of demands was the removal of all United States armed forces from the Islands and surrender of United States bases there. This was one of the motivating purposes of the Hukbalahap. He stated that it was his personal opinion that the Communist movement had as its primary purpose the ouster of all United States troops and personnel from the Philippines because the Islands flank the China coast and if we maintained Naval and Air bases we could control the sea lanes to China.

He also stated that there is on file a record of the seizure in a Filipino Military Police raid conducted in

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Tarlac, Philippine Islands, of documents revealing the oath of allegiance required of all members of Hukbalahap or the National Peasants Union. This oath pledged allegiance first to the Communist International, next to the Communist Party of the Philippines and lastly to the Commonwealth Government.

HARRIS advised that he obtained information from an ex-legislator of the Philippine Islands, JUAN TELEO of Nueva Ecija Province of a connection between the CIO in the United States and the Committee on Labor Organization (CLO) which was another arm of the Huk movement. HARRIS stated that CIO representatives who visited the Philippines about V-J Day pledged their support to the labor organizing work and also arranged for regular financial contributions from the United States to the CLO. HARRIS advised that he could not say whether the CIO delegates knew that the CLO was Communist dominated.

HARRIS stated that the Hukbalahap distributed handbills in Manila coincident with the United States Army troop demonstrations demanding early return home for the G.I.s.

A paragraph from one of the handbills which is mentioned above is as follows:

"GI's! We want you to know that we are your friends, your brothers in arms who fought with you and shed our blood together with yours to free the the Philippines. All we want is democracy in the Philippines. We support your desire to go home to your loved ones because your job is finished. And we are confident that you will not willingly become pawns in the plot to thwart the will of the people and mar clean, free democratic elections in our country."

HARRIS advised that he had information, at that time, to the effect that the Chinese Communists maintained closest relations with the Huks and that the Chinese Red press in Manila supported them constantly. He stated that in June 1945 there was information that the Chinese Communists in Luzon and the Islands to the South were putting the

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'squeeze" on the Nationalist Chinese merchants in the Islands and extracted money from them to support the war in China.

HARRIS stated that since the Spring of 1946, when he was discharged from the Army, he has had no first-hand information of the CP activities in the Philippine Islands which he describes as being synonymous with the Huk movement.

He stated that he has tried to follow the activities closely in newspaper and magazine articles but that he has no knowledge of activities between the Huks or Communists in the Philippines and persons in the United States.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA, New York,  
4/11/52.

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE (105-1397)

June 16, 1952

DIRECTOR, FBI (64-200-239)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

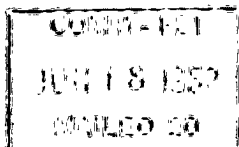
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Re St. Louis let dated May 21, 1952, and report of SA  
Walton O. Cone dated May 2, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

The files of the Department of the Army reflect that Pedro P. Holanda, Army Serial Numbers 6736045 and W-2123051, enlisted on July 5, 1928, at San Francisco, California. Holanda was retired as a Master Sergeant on March 31, 1949, at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, by reason of physical disability incurred in the line of duty after twenty years of honorable service. The diagnosis for his retirement was Encephalopathy, Post Traumatic, severe. This injury occurred on June 3, 1942, at Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands, as a result of a Japanese bomb blast. Holanda was advanced on the retirement list to Warrant Officer (Jg), and is currently receiving retirement pay in that grade. There was no derogatory information contained in the subject's service record.

Additional information as appearing in the subject's service record is set out below:

Date of Birth:	April 13, 1906
Place of Birth:	Loyte, Philippine Islands
Height:	66 inches
Weight:	139 pounds
Eye:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Marital Status:	Married
Former Occupation:	Professional soldier
Home Address:	PO Box 575 Riverbank, California (1951)
Relatives:	Marina A. Holland, wife PO Box 575 Riverbank, California Victor Holanda, father Mindapanan, Polo Loyte, Philippine Islands



Enclosure

cc: SAC, San Francisco (105-182)

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A search of the name indices of the Identification Division resulted in locating a noncriminal record for Pedro Agosta Holanda, FBI #990038. A transcript of this record is enclosed.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-200-239)

DATE: 5-21-52

FROM : SAC, St. Louis (105-192)

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISIONSUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Rerep of SA WALTON O. CONE dated May 2, 1952 at Washington, D. C.

The service record for PEDRO P. HOLANDA, ASN 6736045 and W-2123051, was not located at RACAG. However, RACAG files reflect that the entitled record and 201 file were transferred to Personnel Information Branch, AGO, Washington, D. C., on February 8, 1949.

Inasmuch as the record for HOLANDA may be located at AGO, Washington, D. C., the Identification Division is requested to handle the lead in rerep if record is located.

For the information of the Identification Division, a copy of rerep is enclosed herewith.

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cc: WFO (105-1397)

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TO : A. H. BELMONT  
FROM : W. A. BALDWIN  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES  
IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PT

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the explanation of SA James O. Newpher for the manner in which he prepared a report be accepted and no further administrative action taken.

Referral/Consult

DETAILS:

There is attached an explanation by SA James O. Newpher and a recommendation by SAC Hood of the Washington Field Office concerning the manner in which information originally furnished to the Bureau by the [redacted] was set forth in a subsequent report prepared by SA Newpher.

In this regard, it will be noted that the [redacted] originally furnished us information to the effect that [redacted]

[redacted] When this information was incorporated in a Bureau report by SA Newpher, he omitted the fact that [redacted]

In explanation of this omission, SA Newpher has indicated that the essential information furnished by [redacted] was that [redacted]

[redacted] and should not be set forth in a Bureau report.

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SAC Hood of the WFO has concurred with this explanation and recommended no further action.

It is believed that the information with respect to

[redacted] would have been desirable information to be reported; however, it is not felt that the omission of this information is of such grave consequence to merit administrative action. It is agreed that the essence of the information that [redacted]

[redacted] was reported by SA Newpher.

I feel it should have been reported

RECOMMENDATION:

In view thereof, it is recommended that no further administrative action be taken. It is recommended that this be referred to the Administrative Division. 6/19

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 16 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/9,10/52	REPORT MADE BY WALTON O. CONE WOC:mss
TITLE <del>COMMUNIST PARTY</del> COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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PEDRO P. HOLANDA, Army Serial Numbers 6736045 and W-2123051; born April 13, 1906; enlisted in United States Army, July 5, 1928; was retired March 31, 1949, and presently resides at Riverbank, California.

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## DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Baltimore Division ascertained that no record of PEDRO P. HOLANDA could be found in the files of T-1, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations.

The files of the Department of the Army reflect that PEDRO P. HOLANDA, Army Serial Numbers 6736045 and W-2123051, enlisted on July 5, 1928, at San Francisco, California. HOLANDA was retired as a Master Sergeant on March 31, 1949, at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, by reason of physical disability incurred in the line of duty after twenty years of honorable service. At the time HOLANDA was retired, he was advanced on the retirement list to Warrant Officer (jg), and is currently receiving retirement pay in this grade. HOLANDA is described in the Army records as follows:

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WFO 105-1397

~~Pedro P. Holanda~~

Date of Birth:	April 13, 1906
Place of Birth:	Leyte, Philippine Islands
Height:	66½ inches
Weight:	139 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Marital Status:	Married
Former Occupation:	Professional Soldier
Home Address:	Post Office Box 575, Riverbank, California (1951)
Relatives:	MAXIMA <del>A. HOLANDA</del> , wife, Post Office Box 575, Riverbank, California VICTOR <del>HOLANDA</del> , father, Guindapunan, Palo Leyte, Philippine Islands.

The indices of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, contains a non-criminal record for PEDRO PAGOTA ~~HOLANDA~~, which reflects that he has FBI Number 99003B.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

One copy of this report is being furnished the San Francisco Division for informational purposes, inasmuch as it contains information regarding PEDRO P. HOLANDA, who resides in the San Francisco Division territory.

This case is being closed, as all logical leads have been covered and no substantial amount of information has been developed indicating any connection between Communist Activities in the Philippines and the United States, and because individual case files have been opened on persons of Philippine Nationality residing in the United States, who are, or may be associated with Communist Activities in the United States.

INFORMANT

T-1 is G-2, as reflected in Baltimore letter to Washington Field Office dated May 19, 1952.

REFERENCES:

Bureau letter dated June 18, 1952.

Report of Special Agent DONALD G. HARRIS dated June 17, 1952, at Newark, New Jersey.

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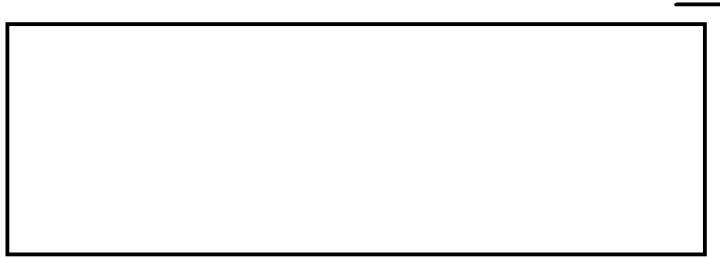
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Date: September 18, 1952

To:



Referral/Consult

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN  
THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

[redacted] Michigan, an  
employee of the [redacted] Michigan, furnished  
the following information to a representative of this Bureau:

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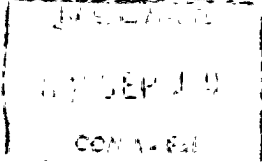
[redacted] advised that in 1946 he was a member of the  
Armed Services stationed in the Philippine Islands. He stated  
that he had completed his enlistment in the Armed Services but  
since he had married a girl from the Philippines, he re-enlisted  
for three years in order that he could bring his wife to the  
United States. He advised that he was given a 30-day leave be-  
tween enlistments. [redacted] stated that he spent this time in San  
Juan, San Miguel, Philippine Islands, and while there, a group  
of Communists entered the community one night, robbed the houses  
of guns and took some of the natives with them. He stated that  
this group called themselves "Huck Bell Hop" (Hukbalahap).  
According to [redacted] he was approached about a week later by an

Note: Informant's name is given as [redacted] Letter quoted  
above and addressed to [redacted] as indicated.  
The Hukbalahap group is the Communist-led dissenters active in the  
PI and undoubtedly what [redacted] referred to in speaking of the  
Huck Bell Hop.

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individual who requested him to join the group and that subsequently five or six contacts were made with him in an effort to recruit him. [ ] added that he reported the matter to CID.

Shortly after he reported the matter, [ ] stated that he was contacted by an individual who told him that the "Huck Pell Hop" were after him and that he had better get out of town. [ ] advised that he returned to the military service and heard nothing more from this group. [ ] made available a letter which reportedly was written by his [ ] This letter is as follows:

"San Juan, San Miguel, Dul.  
"June 23, 1952

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Dear [ ]

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[ ] pointed out that the signature at the end of the letter is [ ] which is not the name of his [ ] [ ] stated that he has never known her to sign her name that way. He further stated that she has always signed it [ ] [ ] stated that he is of the opinion that the letter was written by some member of the above-mentioned group and that the group is attempting to get him back to the Philippine Islands. In addition, he advised that he has received no other word that [ ]

These data are being furnished for your information.

cc - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 28, 1952

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-0)

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SUBJECT: ~~HUCK BELL HOP~~ *HUCK BELL HOP*  
[redacted] Informant  
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*Communist Party - Philippine*

[redacted] Michigan, an employee at the [redacted] Michigan, contacted an Agent of this office and advised that in 1946 he was in the Armed Services and stationed in the Philippine Islands. He stated that he had served his time in the military forces, but inasmuch as he had married a Philippine girl, he re-enlisted for three years in order that he could bring her back to the United States.

During the time between his termination and re-entering the Service, he was given thirty days' leave. He spent this time at San Juan, San Miguel in the Philippines, and stated that while he was there, a group of Communists entered the community one night and robbed the houses of guns, and took some of the natives with them. He stated this group of people called themselves Huck Bell Hop. He stated that about a week later he was approached by an individual requesting him to join this organization. He advised that in all, he was contacted five or six times attempting to recruit him, but he told them he would have to think it over. He reported the matter to the C.I.D. in the Philippines.

He stated that shortly after he had reported the matter, he was contacted by an individual and told that the Huck Bell Hops were after him, and that he had better get out of town. He returned to the military service, and heard nothing more of them.

On August 8, 1952 [redacted] made available a letter which was reportedly written by his [redacted]. This letter is as follows:

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"Dear [redacted]"

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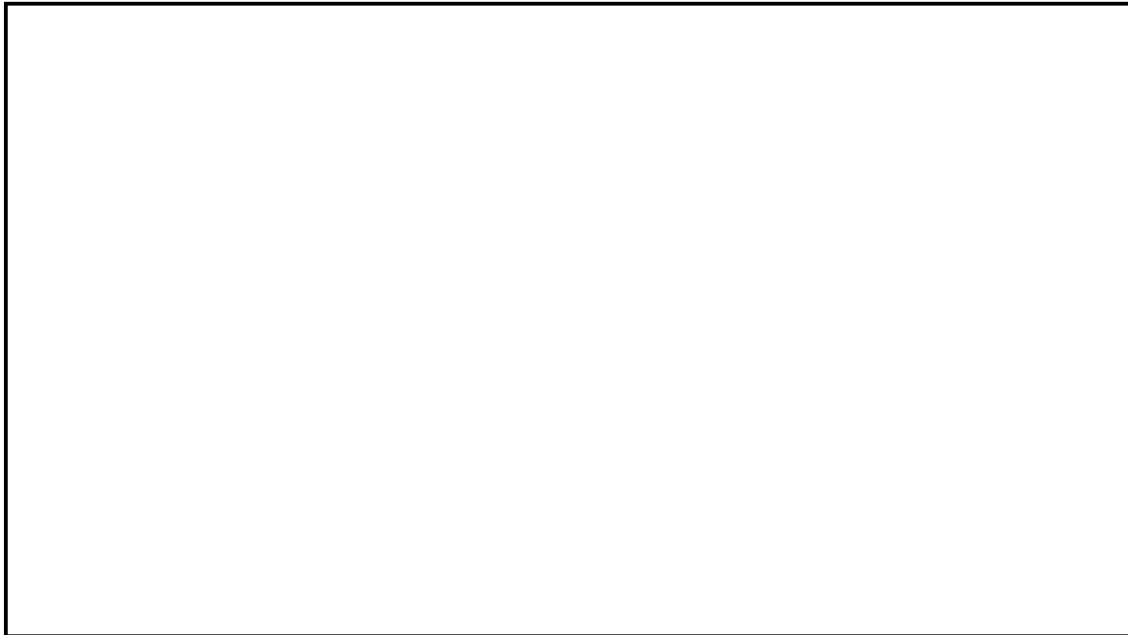
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*cc: [redacted]*  
*[redacted]*

Letter to Bureau  
August 28, 1952

Re: HUCK BELL HOP  
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[redacted] pointed out that the signature at the end of the letter is [redacted] which is not the name of his [redacted] [redacted] and stated that he has never known her to sign her name that way. He stated that she has always signed it [redacted] He is of the opinion that the letter was written by some member of the above organization, and that they are attempting to get him back to the Philippines. He advised that he had received no other word indicating that [redacted]

It was suggested to [redacted] that he send a telegram or air mail letter to his [redacted] to make inquiry regarding this letter and also whether the [redacted] [redacted] He stated he would do this and advise the Detroit Office immediately upon receipt of his answer. To date, no additional information has been received from [redacted]

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.



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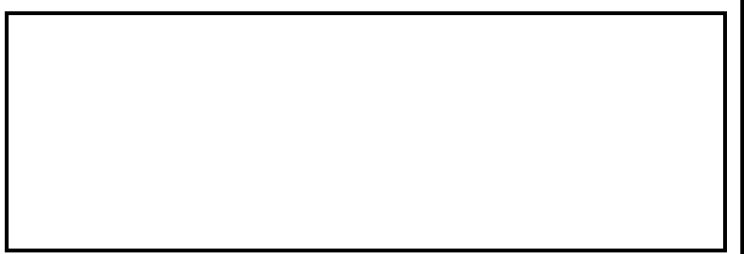
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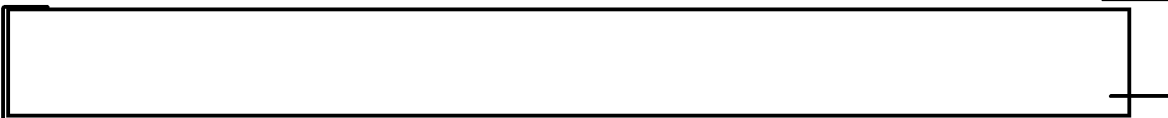
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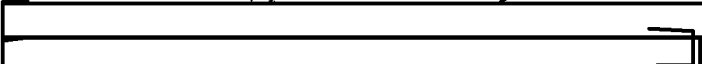


From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO PASS INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
TO A SECURE LIAISON CONTACT WITHIN THE ARMED  
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES



Permission is granted for your Agency to  
furnish the information contained in the report of  
Special Agent Nicholas J. Purchia dated April 11, 1952,  
at New York, New York, captioned "Communist Activities  
in the Philippine Islands, Internal Security - PI,"

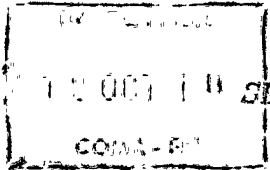
 It is noted that a  
copy of this report was furnished to your Agency on  
April 24, 1952.

It is understood, of course, that this Bureau  
will not be revealed as the source of the information.

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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: See notation on page 2.



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Note: The information concerning M. I. Planes, Leah C. Segman, and Thomas Wright appearing in the report of SA Purchia, mentioned above, was taken entirely from the following publications:

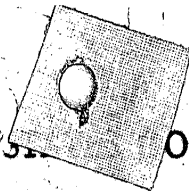
- (1) The Anniversary Issue of "Philippines Today," dated July, 1947, published by the American Veterans of the Philippine Campaign, an adjunct of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. The AVPC is no longer in existence and has not been active since 1950.
- (2) A flyer entitled "Who's Who" in above issue of "Philippines Today."
- (3) Fall and Winter 1944 Catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

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TO : Director, FBI (64-200-239)

DATE: 10/8/52

FROM : SAC, Honolulu (100-5354)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE  
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Attached are two photostatic copies of a report received from the 401st CIC Detachment, USARPAC, Honolulu, which may have some intelligence value to the Bureau.

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Date: November 20, 1952

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To:



From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Reference is made to your communication dated



It would be appreciated if your Agency would  
furnish a copy of the summary of information that your  
Agency [redacted] Upon receipt of  
such summary, a determination will be made as to whether  
the information [redacted]

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November 26, 1952

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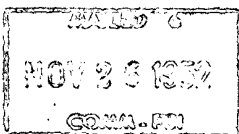
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Miscellaneous."

In the event additional information concerning the matter  
contained in the referenced communication is received from Mr. R. Frank  
Baker of Mill Valley, California, the Bureau should be promptly advised.

It is suggested that any additional information be submitted  
in the form of a blank memorandum in order that the information may be  
promptly disseminated to interested government agencies.

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Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General  
Charles D. Murray  
Director, FBI

November 25, 1952

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Attached are the original and one copy of a memorandum in  
the above-captioned matter.

Your specific attention is directed to the information  
contained therein furnished by an informant of unknown reliability to  
the effect that the Russian time table for an attack on the United States  
would be sometime in 1954.

Copies of the attached memorandum are being furnished to the  
Department of State, Central Intelligence Agency, G-2, Department of the  
Army, the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of Special Investiga-  
tions. The Government Agencies receiving copies of the attached memorandum  
are being requested not to give the information contained therein further  
dissemination.

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Date: November 25, 1952

To: Mr. John W. Ford  
Chief, Division of Security  
United States Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - FI

Attached is a copy of a memorandum in the captioned matter.

Your specific attention is directed to the information contained therein furnished by an informant of unknown reliability to the effect that the Russian time table for an attack on the United States would be sometime in 1954.

It is requested that the information contained in the attached memorandum be given no further dissemination either by your Department or by any of the intelligence agencies receiving copies of the attached memorandum.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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cc - 1 - Director of Special Investigations (Attachment)  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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cc - 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Att: 2nd)  
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cc - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff (Att: 2nd)  
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November 25, 1952

THE COMBINED ACTIVITIES IN THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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On November 4, 1952, an informant of unknown reliability, who resided in Manila, Philippine Islands, from 1946 to 1951, furnished the following information:

Some time in late 1950, the informant was approached by a friend who had [redacted] this [redacted] advised, those were the informant could not recall, advised that [redacted]

The informant stated that [redacted]

On one occasion, [redacted] she told the informant that [redacted]

The informant stated that [redacted] was "on the same" relative to the Communists as against the Philippine government.

[redacted] advised the informant that the Communists have a long plan for striking the Philippines and the United States.

In order to protect the informant from possible harm in the event of Communist attack, [redacted]

The informant described one of whom [redacted]

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Individuals are [redacted]  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 13, 1952

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (98-0)

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

SABOTAGE

*Foreign Miscellaneous*  
*Communist IPAA*

*Philippine Islands*

On November 4, 1952, [redacted]

[redacted] California, was interviewed by Special Agent PAUL F. SHARKEY as a result of her offer to furnish information on Communist activities in [redacted]

During this interview, [redacted] stated that her [redacted] was [redacted] of Manila from 1946 to 1951, and during this period she also lived in Manila.

Sometime during late 1950, [redacted] was approached by a friend who had [redacted] This [redacted] whose name was not recalled by [redacted] informed her that [redacted]

[redacted] P.I.

[redacted] stated that the [redacted] individual asked her to

[redacted]

On one occasion, [redacted] who told [redacted] he had

[redacted] According to [redacted]

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Director from SF  
Re: Unknown Subjects; Sabotage

[ ] these raids actually occurred on the given date and she thereupon asked [ ] if he was working with the Communists. [ ] stated in reply that [ ]

[ ] stated that [ ] was "on the fence" relative to the Communists as against the Philippine government.

[ ] advised [ ] that the Communists have a time plan for striking in the Philippines and also against the United States.

In order to protect [ ] from possible harm in the event of a Communist attack, [ ]

[ ] stated that she had not given this information to American authorities in the Philippines because she had learned from experience that such information would very likely be traced to its source and result in the eventual liquidation of [ ]. She stated that if this information was used by the Bureau, extreme care should be taken in contacting [ ] because the Communists have workers in all departments of the Philippine government including its Post Offices.

It is to be noted that [ ] appeared to be a highly intelligent and reliable individual.

[ ] stated that she had not heard from [ ] since she left Manila in 1951, but that she plans to visit Manila within the next year and is of the opinion that she could contact [ ] if it would be helpful to the United States Government.

This office will keep in touch with [ ]

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Date: December 23, 1952

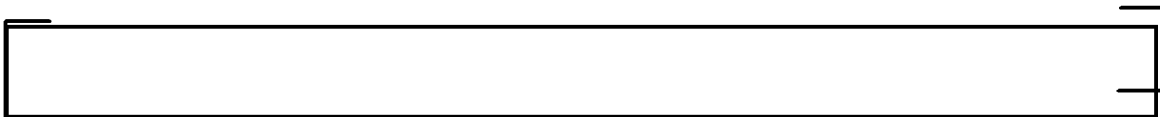
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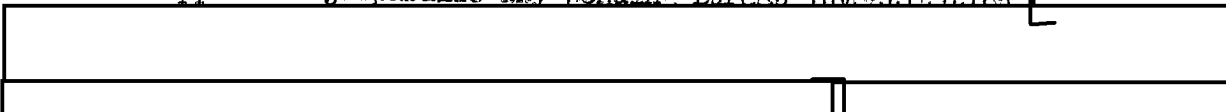
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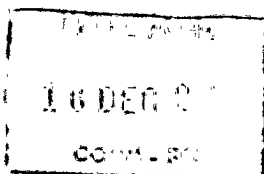
It is understood, of course, that this Bureau would not be  
responsible for the accuracy of the information.

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NOTE: The information [redacted] is of an innocuous nature and  
does not appear to jeopardize any pending Bureau investigation [redacted]



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SAC, San Francisco

February 25, 1953

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Reference is made to your Communication dated 11-13-52, captioned "Unknown Subjects, Foreign Miscellaneous," your file 64-0, containing information furnished by [redacted] of [redacted] California, concerning [redacted] a Philippine guerrilla.

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On November 25, 1952, the information contained in the referenced communication was made available to the [redacted] [redacted] identity was not disclosed to that Agency.

Attached is a copy of a [redacted] communication dated 1-26-53, captioned [redacted] the contents of which are self-explanatory.

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Advise the Bureau without delay whether your office has any objection to the identity of [redacted] being revealed to the [redacted]

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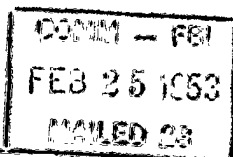
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NOTE:

Re letter indicated that [redacted] offered to furnish information to the San Francisco Office concerning Communist Party activities in [redacted]

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Date: February 25, 1953

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To:



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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES  
IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Reference is made to your communication dated January 26,  
1953, captioned [REDACTED]

An inquiry is being made in accordance with your request;  
the results will be furnished you.

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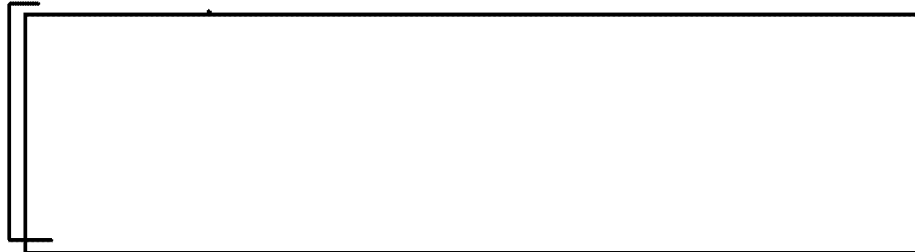
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Date: March 18, 1953

To:



From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Referral/Consult

Reference is made to your communication dated  
January 26, 1953, captioned [redacted]  
[redacted] and to our subsequent  
communication dated February 25, 1953, captioned as above.

For your information, the source of the infor-  
mation concerning [redacted] mentioned in this Bureau's  
communication of November 25, 1952, addressed to the  
Department of State, a copy of which was designated for  
your Agency, in the captioned matter, was [redacted]  
[redacted] California.

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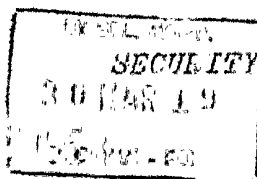
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It is understood, of course, that this information  
will be held in the strictest confidence by your Agency.

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Note: In November, 1952, [redacted]  
California, upon interview as a result of her offer  
to furnish information on Communist Party activities  
in [redacted] California, furnished information  
concerning [redacted] in the  
Philippine Islands, and information to the effect that  
[redacted]

[redacted] The identity of  
the informant was not furnished to [redacted] or the other  
agencies receiving the information furnished by  
informant. On 1-26-53 [redacted] requested to be advised  
of the informant's identity. Inquiry by the Bureau  
of the San Francisco Office revealed that the  
San Francisco Office had no objection to the informant's  
identity being revealed to [redacted] in the  
original interview did not request that her identity  
be protected.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-200-239)

DATE: March 3, 1953

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (64-0-35)

SUBJECT: *DKB*  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-11-53

FROM : SAC, DENVER (100-5455)

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SUBJECT: MORRIS LOUIS APPELMAN, wa.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~~~SECRET~~

Reference is made to Bureau Routing Slip dated 2-5-53, forwarding to the Denver office twelve pages of questions from [redacted]

In accordance with instructions set forth in this letter, APPELMAN was questioned regarding his activities in the Philippines; and all the information contained in the questions was discussed with APPELMAN.

It is to be noted that the information gained from APPELMAN has been reported in report form under the title of "THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES, 1937-39". Extra copies of this report are being furnished the Bureau, should they desire to furnish copies of this report to other agencies besides [redacted].

In forwarding this report to [redacted] it is suggested that [redacted] be advised that only the positive information derived from the interview is included in the report. It is to be noted that [redacted]

It is to be noted that [redacted] however, from an analysis of the information contained in the attached report, it is being classified as "SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL". It is to be noted that no reference to the [redacted] has been referred to in this report.

It is to be further noted that copies of this report are being furnished the Los Angeles and the Newark offices for their information.

The case file on MORRIS LOUIS APPELMAN is accordingly being closed with this communication.

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<p><i>1 cc to RAB INS ONI OSI G-2 Sub 3-21-53 RAB - RM</i></p> <p><i>1 cc CIA by etw dtd 4/1/53 in Appelman Caption RM</i></p> <p><i>Letter to James Allen 5/28/53 with 1 photostat 7 report.</i></p> <p><i>1 photostat WFO by form 0.24 7-17-53 vmi</i></p> <p><i>RE: COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS</i></p> <p><i>V.D. HARRINGTON (Re GOKHALE, P. RM 1258)</i></p> <p><i>Brown JEWART (RM Auerbach P. 3, 8)</i></p> <p><i>NAMBA Koon 1521</i></p> <p>MORRIS LOUIS APPELMAN, upon arrival in Manila in the latter part of 1936, attended a meeting at the Chinese YMCA and advocated a boycott of Japan. As a result of this talk, he was contacted by VICENTE LAVA, who later recruited APPELMAN into the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP). APPELMAN was assigned to a university or professional group and elected treasurer of that CPP group. The CPP leaders, during 1937 through 1939, were VICENTE LAVA, and GUILLERMO CAPADOCIA. A Comintern Agent named "BULL" attempted to inject pro-USSR feeling in CPP. The CPP endeavored to aid the economic condition of Philippine peasants. The CPP was under the guidance of the Communist Party, USA. JAMES ALLEN, of the Communist Party, USA, while in Manila inspecting the CPP, expelled APPELMAN from the Communist movement. MORRIS APPELMAN furnished information on VICENTE LAVA, JOSE (PACO) LAVA, JESUS LAVA, RUTH LAVA, KENNETH KURIHARI, AUGUSTINE RUDOLPHO, VISHRU GOKHALE, JAMES ALLEN, wa. Sol Auerbach, ALFONSO SYCIP, JOSE ABAD SANTOS, JOSE MARCELLO CONCEPCION, ELSE CONCEPCION, nee: ELSE BAUER, BILL BORRELL, CORNELIUS VANDERBILT STARR, YAN PANLILLO, and HERNANDO ABAYA.</p>			
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DETAILS:

At Denver, Colorado

On February 12, 1953 MORRIS LOUIS APPELMAN furnished the following information regarding his knowledge of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) during the years 1937 through 1939.

APPELMAN'S INTRODUCTION TO THE CPP

Soon after APPELMAN's arrival in Manila in late 1936, he secured employment as an insurance agent with the Elizalde Company, which is a part of the U. S. Life Insurance Company. APPELMAN stated he secured this position through ~~BILL BORRELL~~, who was in charge of that particular office.

APPELMAN recalled reading an article in one of the Manila newspapers that there was to be a meeting held at the Chinese YMCA in Manila regarding Chinese and Japanese relations. On his own accord, APPELMAN attended the meeting, and noted that he was the only American present. He gave a speech lauding the efforts of the Chinese people to establish economic stability, and urged the boycott of Japan. APPELMAN related that as a result of his talk and because he was an American, he received a tumultuous applause. At this meeting, APPELMAN met ALFONSO SYCIP, a Chinese who is president of the China Chamber of Commerce. SYCIP then introduced APPELMAN to VICENTE LAVA, who is described as a professor of chemistry at the University of the Philippines (U of P).

APPELMAN had many discussions with LAVA, and was invited by LAVA to join the Communist Party of the Philippines, which he did. APPELMAN was assigned to a branch of the CPP which included a professional or university class of people who held their meetings at the U of P.

After a few meetings, APPELMAN was elected treasurer of this group, and this was the only position he ever held in the CPP during the years, 1937 through 1939.

CPP APPROACH TO PEOPLE

APPELMAN related that the main purpose and aim of the CPP was to improve the economic conditions of the peasants in the Philippines. APPELMAN recalled that JESUS LAVA, a brother of VICENTE LAVA, wrote an essay entitled, "Economic Analysis of Philippine Peasant". APPELMAN

stated that in view of the fact that he never was assigned to any of the "workers" or "peasants" groups or sections of the CPP, he is not aware of the manner or approach that was made to the "workers" or "peasants" to recruit them into the Communist movement. APPELMAN related that in view of the fact that the majority of the citizens of the Philippines are Catholics, that no criticism was ever directed toward religion by the leaders of the CPP to his knowledge.

#### THE CPP MEMBERSHIP

APPELMAN stated that he could not guess at the membership of the CPP during those years, as he was only aware of approximately ten or fifteen individuals who were members of the CPP. He stated that most of his efforts in the CPP were directed to the small intellectual group who were members of the group of which he was treasurer, and those individuals who later attended book reviews and discussions at the waffle shop named "The Ivory Tower".

#### CPP ACTIVITY REGARDING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

APPELMAN related that some type of a committee was organized in Manila and was not entirely controlled or dominated by the CPP. He does not now recall the name of this committee. This committee was organized and directed by an American businessman named WILLIAM R. BABCOCK. APPELMAN stated that BABCOCK was not a CPP member, but was a CPP sympathizer. APPELMAN recalled that BABCOCK was friendly to the Spanish Loyalist (Consul) at Manila at that time. APPELMAN recalled that BABCOCK knew several of the CPP members. EDGAR SNOW stayed at Babcock's house at one time when he was in Manila. BABCOCK adopted a Spanish child during the Spanish Civil War and paid for the support of that child in Spain. BABCOCK's wife was named POLLY, who later worked for the YWCA in New York or New Jersey.

APPELMAN stated he thinks BABCOCK presently resides in Princeton, New Jersey.

APPELMAN stated that many individuals, including himself, contributed large sums of money to this committee to aid the Loyalist forces in Spain.

#### CPP LEADERSHIP

APPELMAN related that he didn't know enough about the CPP leadership except VICENTE LAVA. APPELMAN stated that LAVA was a true

Marxist, and appeared to be a good leader of the CPP among professional groups. APPELMAN stated that GUILLERMO CAPADOCIA was considered to be one of the leaders of the CPP, having been trained in Russia, and apparently had a higher position than LAVA.

CPP FINANCIAL CONDITION

APPELMAN related that he recalls that a collection of dues and other donations for the CPP were very small. For those who could afford to pay dues, such as himself, APPELMAN related that the monthly dues were approximately the same as the dues for the Communist Party, USA, i.e., 5% or 10% of the monthly income of the member.

APPELMAN stated he suspected that the CPP must have secured funds from either the Communist Party, USA, or directly from the USSR in order to pay those individuals working full time for the CPP and to finance certain CPP propaganda efforts in Manila.

CPP CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

When APPELMAN arrived at Manila, he was not immediately contacted by any members of the CPP. APPELMAN explained that when he left the United States in the latter part of 1936 to go to China, he had been instructed to drop any Communist Party, USA connection or activity by the specific instructions of EARL BROWDER. When he learned that he could not land in Shanghai, he decided to go to Manila and await instructions from the Communist Party, USA. APPELMAN stated that he did not now recall how he communicated with the Communist Party, USA, but that apparently, he had received some word to remain in Manila.

APPELMAN stated his past activities in the Communist movement apparently were made known to VICENTE LAVA, in view of the fact that LAVA appeared to be very open with him in their discussions of the Communist movement. Later on, JAMES ALLEN, whose real name is SOL AUERBACH, came to Manila for the purpose of inspecting the Communist Party of the Philippines. *Stearns*

APPELMAN learned from his discussions with LAVA and ALLEN that the CPP was under the sponsorship of the Communist Party, USA. (More information regarding APPELMAN's contacts with ALLEN is reported below.)

CPP CONNECTION WITH THE COMINTERN

LAVA introduced APPELMAN to a Filipino called "BULL", whom LAVA described as a Comintern Agent. LAVA also identified GUILLERMO CAPADOCIA as a Comintern representative in the Philippines. Both "BULL" and CAPADOCIA were supposed to have been educated in Moscow.

APPELMAN recalled that on several occasions, both of these individuals had attempted to inject pro-USSR sympathies into the CPP.

MORRIS APPELMAN'S EXPULSION FROM THE CPP

In the latter part of 1938 or early 1939, JAMES ALLEN, who described himself as an American author, contacted MORRIS APPELMAN in Manila. APPELMAN stated he knew ALLEN in New York City in connection with the Communist Party, USA. APPELMAN stated that JAMES ALLEN was a pen name or a Communist Party name used by ALLEN, and that his real name was SOL AUERBACH.

ALLEN told APPELMAN he had learned that APPELMAN had not defended the USSR in discussions in the CPP and other groups in relation to the USSR-Finish war. APPELMAN stated he told ALLEN that was probably true, as he personally opposed the policies of the USSR in its invasion of Finland. After several hours of argument and discussion, ALLEN told APPELMAN he should leave the Philippines immediately and return to the United States. APPELMAN refused to do so, and wrote a letter of explanation to EARL BROWDER regarding the arguments and discussions he had with JAMES ALLEN. ALLEN threatened that if APPELMAN would not return to the United States, he, ALLEN, would see that the CPP and the Communist Party, USA, would label APPELMAN as "an enemy of the working class".

APPELMAN learned a few weeks after his meeting with ALLEN from VICENTE LAVA, that ALLEN had attempted to so label APPELMAN in Manila, but LAVA had been successful in not publishing APPELMAN's expulsion from the CPP and the labeling him as "an enemy of the working class".

APPELMAN stated that he later learned an article appeared in the Daily Worker, an East Coast Communist newspaper which accused APPELMAN of stealing CPP funds and labeled him as "an enemy of the working class".

VICENTE LAVA, SR.

APPELMAN related that LAVA was a professor of chemistry at the University of the Philippines, and was the oldest of three brothers. LAVA was one of the leaders of the CPP in the Philippines and had studied Marxism-Leninism. LAVA did not attempt to hide his CPP sympathies, and was generally known at the university for his ideas. VICENTE LAVA was connected in some way with Indusco.

JOSE (PACO) LAVA

APPELMAN stated he recalled a man named JOSE or PACO LAVA who was an attorney and a brother of VICENTE LAVA. He recalls that JOSE attended one or two CPP meetings at the U of P.

JESUS LAVA

APPELMAN recalled another brother of VICENTE LAVA named JESUS, who is a teacher and who wrote an essay entitled, "Economic Analysis of the Philippine Peasant".

RUTH LAVA

APPELMAN stated that RUTH was the wife of VICENTE LAVA, and as he recalls, she was an American. APPELMAN stated she was sympathetic to the CPP cause, but that he could not say whether or not she was a member, nor does he recall her participating in any specific activity of the CPP.

VICENTE LAVA, SR.'S CHILDREN

APPELMAN recalled that the LAVAS had two children, a girl named [ ] age about [ ] and a son named [ ] age about [ ] in 1936.

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KENNETH KURIHARI

OS. APPELMAN recalled that KURIHARI was a professor at the U of P, and was married to a white woman. APPELMAN stated that KURIHARI was a member of the CPP.

AUGUSTINE RUDOLPHO

APPELMAN recalled RUDOLPHO was a member of the CPP. APPELMAN stated he attended meetings with RUDOLPHO at the U of P.

"BULL"

APPELMAN related that he was first introduced to "BULL" by VICENTE LAVA, and LAVA said that "BULL" was a Comintern Agent working in the Philippines. APPELMAN recalled that "BULL" worked among the peasants and the workers, and was not always stationed in Manila. APPELMAN recalled that "BULL" had studied in Moscow; and recalls giving money to "BULL" for several projects; one of which projects APPELMAN described as a petition which was furnished the government to improve the working conditions of the peasants. He stated that this petition was probably filed with the Agricultural Department with the Philippine Government. APPELMAN stated that "BULL" lived "underground"; however, when he was in Manila he dressed like a professional person. APPELMAN described "BULL" as follows:

Filipino, age 40-38, height 5' 4", weight 170 pounds, build heavy set, eyes black—hard, appearance, "bull" face.

APPELMAN was asked later in the interview if he knew one CARLOS BULOSON. APPELMAN stated he did not recall the name, but felt this individual may be identical with "BULL". APPELMAN stated that if he were furnished a photograph of BULOSON, he might be able to determine whether or not BULOSON is identical with the Comintern Agent named "BULL".

✓ VISHNU GOKHALE

APPELMAN stated that this individual was a professor of mathematics at the U of P and was a member of the CPP. GOKHALE was described by APPELMAN as being "individualistic". APPELMAN stated GOKHALE was a very good friend of VICENTE LAVA. APPELMAN stated he has heard that GOKHALE is presently teaching mathematics at Rutgers University in Brunswick, New Jersey.

GUILLERMO CAPADOCIA

APPELMAN stated that this individual was actually the head of the CPP. CAPADOCIA had been trained in the USSR. APPELMAN stated he



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recalled meeting CAPADOCIA on one or two occasions. He stated that CAPADOCIA was a full time functionary and was paid by the CPP.

✓ SOL AUERBACH, wa. JAMES ALLEN

U S ALLEN had the "cover" of an American author, and was supposed to be in Manila writing a book. ALLEN, whose real name is SOL AUERBACH, told APPELMAN that he was an inspector from the Communist Party, USA. ALLEN stated that his job was to inspect the CPP. ALLEN said the Communist Party, USA, was charged by the Comintern to develop the CPP. APPELMAN stated that ALLEN met with leaders of the CPP before he met with APPELMAN. (More information regarding ALLEN has been reported above.) *Stewart*

ALFONSO SYCIP

APPELMAN stated he knew this individual very well; that SYCIP was the president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and was a wealthy merchant. SYCIP had a brother named ALBINO SYCIP who was the president of the Philippine Bank of China. APPELMAN stated that neither of the SYCIP brothers were members of the CPP. ALFONSO was a profound Chinese patriot and apparently cooperated with any Chinese or any other group or committee which was interested in defeating Japan. APPELMAN related that he recalled ALFONSO was killed by the Japanese during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines.

JOSE ABAD SANTOS

|| SANTOS was the head of a left-wing Socialist Party in Manila. SANTOS had gained great prestige among the peasants. APPELMAN stated that SANTOS supported the Communist Party on some occasions, and on some occasions he opposed the CPP.

✓ JOSE MARCELO CONCEPCION I I

U S LA APPELMAN stated that CONCEPCION was a leader in the writer group in Manila. CONCEPCION was married to an American girl named ELSE BAUER. APPELMAN related that in 1937 he helped CONCEPCION open up a waffle and tea shop which was known as the Ivory Tower. At this tea shop, APPELMAN related that there were held book reviews and discussions which were attended by many of the members of the CPP and other "left wing", "pro-CPP" individuals. APPELMAN stated that although CONCEPCION was close to the CPP leaders and was apparently sympathetic to the CPP,

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was not a member of this organization. He stated that CONCEPCION later came to the United States and engaged in a tourist business in Los Angeles. APPELMAN stated that a few weeks ago, both he and his wife, PEARL APPELMAN, saw a movie entitled, "Storm over Tibet" produced by the Columbia or Republic film studio. APPELMAN stated that both he and his wife recognized JOSE CONCEPCION as a Tibetan Monk in this movie.

BILL BORRELL

APPELMAN stated that BORRELL was not a CPP sympathizer. BORRELL was the life insurance director of the Elizalde Company in Manila, which was a part of the United States Life Insurance Company. APPELMAN worked also with BORRELL in Shanghai. BORRELL was aware of APPELMAN's sympathies toward the CPP, but was not aware of APPELMAN's membership in the CPP.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT STARR

APPELMAN stated that STARR was the president of the United States Life Insurance Company, and only knew APPELMAN as an insurance agent. STARR was not aware of APPELMAN's sympathies or connections with the CPP.

YAN PANLILLO

APPELMAN stated he recalled that this individual was a woman, and was a press photographer. He stated she was probably a member of the Communist Party or at least a close sympathizer of that organization. He stated that she appeared to be very close to the CPP leaders. APPELMAN stated he recalled reading in a USA newspaper that PANLILLO had joined the Huk organization in the Philippines during recent years.

✓ HERNANDO ABAYA - 100-361477

05. APPELMAN stated he recalled that ABAYA was a writer or journalist who did some work for the then Philippine Government Information Service. APPELMAN stated he cannot place ABAYA in the CPP, but recalled that ABAYA was a sympathizer.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPELMAN stated that it was very difficult for him to recall his activities and associations in Manila during the years 1937 through

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1939. He stated he no doubt has forgotten considerable information regarding the individuals with whom he participated in the CPP movement and its activities.

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A copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles office in view of the information contained herein regarding JOSE CONCEPCION.

A copy of this report is being furnished the Newark office because of information contained herein regarding VISHRU GOKHALE.

For the information of the above two offices, MORRIS APPELMAN had been a member and leader of the Communist Party from 1925 to 1939, having served the Party in New York; Hamburg, Germany; Moscow; Shanghai; Hollywood; and Manila.

APPELMAN has publicly testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and there is no reason to protect this source as a confidential informant.

REFERENCES: Bureau Air-Tels to Denver dated 2-11-53 and 12-5-52.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16766) (REG. MAIL)

DATE: 4/29/53

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37770)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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Re: Report of SA JOSEPH C. LEARNED dated 3/11/53 at Denver  
entitled "The Communist Party of the Philippines, 1937-1939,  
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It is noted in referenced report that on 2/12/53 MORRIS LOUIS APPELMAN furnished information regarding his knowledge of the Communist Party of the Philippines during the years 1937-1939. It is further noted that MORRIS APPELMAN had been a member and a leader of the C. P. from 1925 to 1939 having served the Party in New York, New York; Hamburg, Germany; Moscow, Russia; Shanghai, China; Manila, P.I.; and Hollywood, California, and that APPELMAN has previously testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Referenced report sets forth the following information <sup>100-350640</sup> concerning VISHRU GOKHALE.

APPELMAN stated that VISHRU GOKHALE had been a professor of mathematics at the University of the Philippines and had been a member of the C. P. in the Philippines. APPELMAN did not specify the dates GOKHALE was a member of the Party but it is assumed that GOKHALE was a member during the time that APPELMAN was active in the Philippines. GOKHALE was described by APPELMAN as being an individualistic person and that he was a very good friend of VINCENTE LAVA, SR.

APPELMAN described VINCENTE LAVA, SR., as being a professor of chemistry at the University of the Philippines and one of the leaders of the C.P. in the P.I., a student of Marxism and Leninism.

APPELMAN stated that LAVA did not attempt to hide his C.P. sympathies and was generally known at the University for his C. P. ideas. APPELMAN further

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described VINCENTE LAVA, SR. as a true Marxist and a good leader of the C. P. among the professional groups in the Philippines.

It is to be noted that VISHRU GOKHALE is presently teaching in the Mathematics Department, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. and that he has been the subject of a security investigation conducted by the Atlanta Office.

In the event additional information concerning VISHRU GOKHALE is obtained from APPELIMAN or any other source by the Denver Division, it is suggested that this data be provided to the Atlanta Office.

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There is forwarded herewith for the completion of your file on subject a Photostat of the report of SA Joseph C. Learned dated 3-11-53 at Denver, in the matter entitled "The Communist Party of the Philippines, 1937-1939, Internal Security - C," which reflects information on the activities of subject on the occasion of his visit to the Communist Party of the Philippines in the role of an inspector.

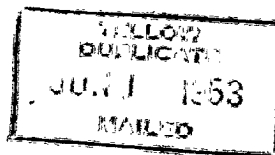
A review of the subject's file at the Bureau reflects that you have failed to comply with instructions set forth in Lulet 2-11-53 concerning the ascertaining of subject's employment and the consideration of subject as a key figure in your area. You are requested to advise the Bureau what affirmative action has been taken on these two points.

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SAC, Newark (100-37770)

December 14, 1953

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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN  
THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - PI

Bureau 11-4-53 captioned "Communist Party of the Philippines 1937-1939, Internal Security - C," and the report of SA William C. O'Donnell, dated 8-24-53 at New York, New York, captioned "Simeon Ochoco, wa., Internal Security - PI." (64-200-239-260 and 105-21686-11)

A Mrs. Partridge of Montclair, New Jersey, is mentioned in the report of SA O'Donnell referred to above as the sister of Dr. Vicente Lava's American wife. The report of SA Philip J. Fleming, dated February 7, 1952, at Washington, D. C., captioned "Frances Lava Wright, aka., Internal Security - R & PI," Bufile 100-354000, Newark file 105-209, New York file 105-3501, copies of which were designated for the Newark and New York offices, indicates that the name of Dr. Lava's wife is Ruth Propper Lava. This report on page 2 lists the name of one Mrs. Hugh Partridge, 5 Audubon Place, Fairlawn, New Jersey, as one of the persons listed by Frances Propper Lava to be notified in case of emergency. The report of SA Norberto Quintana, dated March 23, 1952, at Newark, New Jersey, captioned "Frances Lava Wright, nee Frances Propper Lava, Mrs. William J. Wright, Internal Security - R & PI," a copy of which was not designated for the New York office, contains information concerning Hugh Partridge and his wife, Martha. (100-354000-16)

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Mrs. Hugh Partridge may possibly be identical with the Mrs. Partridge mentioned in the report of SA O'Donnell mentioned above, and her maiden name may possibly be Propper. Conduct appropriate investigation to determine Mrs. Hugh Partridge's maiden name and whether she is the sister of Ruth Propper Lava, whose husband, Dr. Vicente Lava, reportedly was a Communist Party leader in the Philippines. If it is determined that Mrs. Hugh Partridge's maiden name is Propper and/or if it is determined that she is the sister of Ruth Propper Lava, furnish the Bureau with any derogatory information that may be contained in your files concerning her and her husband; the reasons which lead you to believe that she may possibly have valuable information concerning Dr. and Mrs. Vicente Lava and their relationship to the Communist Party; and your recommendations relative to an interview with her.

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cc - 105-21686

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For your assistance in the above matter, the report of SA Leonard J. Germer, dated April 7, 1952, at New York, New York, captioned "Sydney Bettinson Ingram - SA-11518 AEAA," Bureau file 116-306689, New York file 116-78736, on page 2 reflected that Hugh H. Partridge, an attorney at 120 Wall Street, New York, New York, one of the applicant's references, advised that he had known the applicant for approximately 15 years as a neighbor and friend in Fairlawn, New Jersey. (116-306689-9)

Information originating with the Department of State in 1942 indicated that Hugh P. Partridge, a United States citizen residing at 5 Audubon Place, Fairlawn, New Jersey, and employed as a corporation lawyer at 120 Wall Street, was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union. (40-36532-1)

For your information, the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice has been requested to advise with reference to Simeon Ochoco whether he is subject to registration under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and whether his activities, as reflected in the Bureau's investigation, constitute a violation of any applicable United States statutes. For this reason a reinterview of Ochoco is not desired at this time. (105-21686-12)

Note: New York's file number on incoming pertains to file on Simeon Ochoco, the subject of the report mentioned in paragraph 1 of the incoming.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16766)

DATE: 11/4/53

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37770)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES 1937-1939  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CReference: Report of SA WILLIAM C. O'DONNELL, dated 8/24/53 at  
New York, entitled "SIMON OCHOOCO, wa. IS-PI."

Referenced report reflects that SIMON OCHOOCO, with alias, advised on 8/13/53 that Dr. VICTOR G. LAVA, leading Philippine Scientist, now deceased, who was formerly the "brains" of the Huks, a Guerilla Band in the Philippines, had an American wife. OCHOOCO did not know her name, but stated that her sister, a Mrs. PARTRIDGE, who resides in Montclair, N.J., had written him for information concerning her sister since his return to the U.S.

The report of SA JOSEPH C. LEARNED, dated 3/11/53 at Denver, entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES, 1937-1939, IS-C," states that one MORRIS LEONARD APPELMAN furnished information regarding his knowledge of the Communist Party of the Philippines during the years 1937-1939. APPELMAN was described as a member and leader of the Communist Party from 1925 to 1939, having served the Party in many different places. APPELMAN described VICTOR LAVA, Dr., as being a Professor of Chemistry at the University of the Philippines, and one of the leaders of the Communist Party in the Philippines. Further, he stated that LAVA was a student of Marxism and Leninism. He stated that LAVA did not attempt to hide his Communist Party sympathies, and was generally known at the University for his Communist Party ideas, and as a good leader of the Communist Party among the professional groups in the Philippines.

It is believed that Mrs. PARTRIDGE, mentioned by OCHOOCO, might possibly have valuable information concerning her sister and a brother-in-law, and their activities in relationship to the Communist Party. Consequently, if the Bureau deems it advisable to interview Mrs. PARTRIDGE, further information concerning Mrs. PARTRIDGE is needed. In referenced report, no address or identifying information was set out. The only PARTRIDGE in the Montclair Telephone Directory and the City Directory is W.D. PARTRIDGE and his wife, NELL, 348 Highland Ave., Upper Montclair, N.J. W.D. PARTRIDGE is presently President of the New Jersey State Teachers College.

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Information concerning him in a newspaper article dated 6/2/51 in the Newark News, a daily newspaper, and a book entitled "Leaders in Education," reflected that E.D. PARTRIDGE was born in Provo, Utah on 11/6/06, that he graduated Brigham Young University in 1928, attended New York University, and in 1934 received a Doctorate of Philosophy at Teacher's College, Columbia University. He also served as a Research Psychologist in Naval Aviation in World War II.

If the Bureau believes an interview is advisable, the New York Office should re-interview SIMEON OCHOCO to further identify Mrs. PARTRIDGE. If no further identifying data can be obtained, Navy records will have to be checked, and investigation at Provo, Utah and New York University and Columbia University will have to be conducted to further identify Mrs. NELL PARTRIDGE through her husband's records, as the sister of Mrs. VICENTE LAVA. N2

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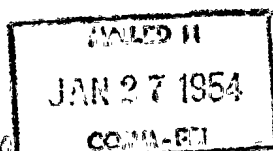
Reurlet 1-7-54, captioned "The Communist Party  
of the Philippines, 1947 - 1949, Internal Security - C."

Authority is granted to interview Mrs. Martha Partridge  
in accordance with your request. Submit the result under  
the caption of this communication in report Form 204 for  
dissemination.

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NOTE: Relet advised that Mrs. Martha Partridge may have information  
concerning Dr. and Mrs. Vicente Lava. Mrs. Vicente Lava  
is the sister of Mrs. Partridge. Dr. Lava was the secretary  
of the Communist Party of the Philippines until his death.  
Mrs. Vicente Lava is an American and apparently is residing in  
the Philippines. Bufiles indicate that Mrs. Vicente Lava's daughter,  
Frances Lava Wright, has been in contact with the Partridges.  
Bufiles also indicate that Vishnu Gokhale, allegedly a CP member  
in the Philippine Islands and friend of Dr. Lava, contacted the  
address listed to the Partridges in 1949.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-16766)

DATE: 1/7/54

FROM : SAC, Newark (100-37770)

SUBJECT: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES  
1937 - 1939  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebulet to Newark, 12/14/53, entitled "COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; INTERNAL SECURITY - PI."

In a letter from Baltimore to Newark, dated 7/1/49, captioned "VISHNEE DATTAREYA GOKHALE; SECURITY MATTER - C," it was stated that Mrs. WILLIAM J. WRIGHT, a Filipino, whose name formerly was FRANCES LAVA, and whose father, VICENTE LAVA, was General Secretary of the Communist Party in the Philippines from the beginning of World War II until his death in September 1946, had relatives in Fair Lawn, NJ, by the name of PARTRIDGE. From the Wolbrook Junction Post Office, Baltimore, Maryland, it was determined on 4/28/49 that the forwarding address of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM J. WRIGHT was 5 Audubon Place, Fair Lawn, NJ.

The Fair Lawn, NJ, City Directory lists HUGH R. PARTRIDGE as residing at 5 Audubon Place, Fair Lawn, NJ. It also listed his wife's name as MARTHA and his two sons as [ ] and [ ] PARTRIDGE. His occupation is listed as Treasurer; however, his place of employment was not indicated.

The Credit Bureau of Bergen and Passaic Counties, 25 Church Street, Paterson, NJ, had the following information regarding HUGH R. PARTRIDGE in their files. HUGH R. PARTRIDGE, 5 Audubon Place, Fair Lawn, NJ, is 54 years of age and married. He has lived at this address since 1937 and previous to this at 1 Bolton Place, Radburn, NJ, since 1931 and before this at 125 West 176th Street, New York, NY, for six years. He has his wife and two sons as dependents and nothing of an adverse nature was learned regarding his personal reputation. Regarding his occupation, it was noted that PARTRIDGE was employed as Assistant Secretary of H. H. Pike & Sons, 63 Wall Street, New York, NY, and has been employed there since 1932. Previous to that, he was with Monttgomery Scott & Company, 10 Broadway, New York, NY, for about one year. The records of the Credit Bureau reflect that the home at 5 Audubon Place is a one-family dwelling in a desirable residential section of the community which PARTRIDGE rents from the Radburn Management Corporation, Radburn, NJ. Monthly rental is estimated at \$85. They live there under favorable conditions and are well regarded locally. It is to be noted that the Credit Bureau report is dated 7/26/46.

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Mrs. RONNIE SPEITTEL, Radburn Management Office, Radburn Plaza Building, Radburn, NJ, advised he has known PARTRIDGE for approximately 20 years and knows nothing unfavorable concerning him. SPEITTEL further advised he does not know any of his associates and stated PARTRIDGE has a good reputation in the community and knows of nothing concerning him, which might indicate disloyalty to the United States.

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On 12/18/53, Captain LOUIS J. REISACHER, Fair Lawn Police Department, advised that HUGH PARTRIDGE and his wife, MARTHA PARTRIDGE, and their two sons, [ ] and [ ] presently reside at 5 Audubon Place, Fair Lawn, N.J. He further stated that he has information that [ ] birth date is [ ] and that [ ] was born on [ ]. Through liaison with the New York Police Department, Captain REISACHER stated it was determined that birth records of New York County reflect that [ ] PARTRIDGE was born to MARTHA PROPPER PARTRIDGE on 5/1/29.

Files of the Newark Office contain no derogatory information concerning MARTHA PROPPER PARTRIDGE or HUGH PARTRIDGE.

In referenced letter, it points out that the name of Dr. LAVA'S wife, in the Philippines, is RUTH PROPPER LAVA.

It is felt that since information indicated that MARTHA PROPPER PARTRIDGE is the sister of the wife of Dr. VICENTE LAVA, deceased, reportedly a former Communist Party leader in the Philippines, and further since it appears, as a result of previous investigation, that FRANCES LAVA, daughter of Dr. LAVA, did visit the PARTRIDGES, there is at least an active relationship.

Consequently, the possibility exists wherein Mrs. PARTRIDGE, as a result of correspondence and the visit by FRANCES LAVA, may have come across valuable information concerning Dr. and Mrs. VICENTE LAVA and their relationship to the Communist Party.

Bureau permission is requested to interview Mrs. MARTHA PARTRIDGE for the above-stated reasons.

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